six months was 58 in Shimoga District, 48 in Hassan District, 26 in Bangalore District and 22 in Tumkur District. The reasons for such long pendency have not been furnished and the District Magistrates are requested to issue suitable instructions so as to reduce duration of cases.

13. *Inspections.* The Chief Judge inspected the Courts of the District Magistrates of Mysore, Kolar, Tumkur and Shimoga and eight Special Magistrates' Courts with First Class Powers, and Mr. Justice D. K. Rama Rao inspected the Courts of the District Magistrate, Bangalore, and of the City and First Class Magistrate, Bangalore. The District Magistrate, Mysore, inspected all the Courts in the District except the Special Magistrate's Court, Hunsur, and the Bench Courts at Yedatore, Heggadevankote and Seringapatam. The other District Magistrates inspected all the Courts in their districts except the Bench Courts at Sidlaghatta, Sringeri and Davangere.

14. *General.*—During the year under report, Mr. Justice C. S. Doraswami Iyer was requested to examine, among others, the question of providing sufficient work for the Special Magistrates and of combining civil and criminal functions in the same officer. His report was received and Government passed orders combining the cadres of Special Magistrates and Munsiffs. Detailed proposals of the Chief Court as to the scheme of itinerant Magistrates recommended by him in his report are awaited.

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Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Alcohol.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 2561-2—Ex. 74-26-17, dated 9th December 1922, fixing a concessional rate of duty of Rs. 5 per proof gallon of spirit contained in alcoholic, medicinal and toilet preparations manufactured within the State whether for export or for local consumption.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. A. 2-695—27, dated 2nd—3rd December 1927, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, submitting his proposals for the supply of duty free alcohol to industrial concerns in the State.

ORDER NO. FL. 5376-9—EX. 43-27-4, DATED 5TH JANUARY 1928.

Government have had under consideration for some time past the question of supply of duty free alcohol for encouraging local industries and they are pleased to approve of the following conditions for the grant of exemption to Industrial concerns in the State from payment of duty on alcohol supplied for the manufacture of commercial products:—

(1) The industry requiring alcohol should be sufficiently important to deserve the concession.

(2) Alcohol should be used only as a vehicle in the process of manufacture and the products manufactured should not contain alcohol as an integral part thereof in their finished state.

(3) Samples of such products should be furnished whenever required for chemical analysis.

(4) The concern will be required to maintain an Excise Establishment lent by Government for watch and ward and defray its cost including contribution towards pension and leave allowances.

(5) The concession will be granted for three years in the first instance.

(6) The concern should maintain accounts of transactions of alcohol and abide by such conditions as may be imposed by the Excise Commissioner regarding the custody of alcohol and inspection of the premises by Excise Officers.

(7) In addition to the price payable to the contractor the firm should agree to pay in advance a fee of annas two on every gallon of rectified spirits supplied to it towards the manufacture of spirits and supervision charges in the Distillery.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Report on the working of the Mysore State Life Insurance Scheme.

READ—

Letter No. 1060, dated 24th November 1927, from the Secretary, Mysore State Life Insurance Committee, submitting the report on the working of the Mysore State Life Insurance Scheme during the year 1926-27, along with the Auditor's report on the examination of the books of the Insurance Office.

ORDER NO. FL. 5268-328—G. F. 86-27-2, DATED 3RD JANUARY 1928.

Recorded.

2. Mr. T. Satyaraj Chetty having proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement Mr. S. Shamanna succeeded him as Secretary, Insurance Committee, on 1st July 1926 and held charge of the office throughout the year.

3. *Official Branch.*—There has been an increase in the number of proposals dealt with in this branch, *viz.*, from 1,952 to 2,425. One thousand six hundred and thirty-four proposals resulted in policies assuring Rs. 12,35,427 for a monthly premium of Rs. 4,234-8-0. The number rejected was 38·10 per cent of those accepted as against 28·39 per cent and 19·58 per cent in 1925-26 and 1924-25.

The increase in the proportion of rejected proposals is reported to be due to temporary rejections with a view to give proposers a chance to improve their health and appear again for examination.

4. The total receipts including the interest on monthly balances (Rs. 3,09,457) amounted to Rs. 11,41,396 and the disbursements to Rs. 6,67,758, resulting in an improvement in the balance at the close of the year by Rs. 4,63,639. The percentage of the cost of management to the premium income of the year was 4·28 against 4·11 in 1925-26.

5. *Public Branch.*—The report records a fall in the number of proposals in this branch which has not been explained. Against 1,699 in the previous year 1,374 proposals were received for disposal in the year under report. Seven hundred and ninety-nine of these resulted in policies assuring Rs. 7,82,000 for an annual premium of Rs. 45,558-11-0.

6. The income of the public branch during the year was Rs. 3,10,138 and the expenditure Rs. 62,671. The closing balance was Rs. 9,05,540, as against Rs. 6,58,073 of the previous year. This balance does not include the face value of Rs. 80,500 of the second War Loan Bonds and a loan of Rs. 5,845 outstanding against the insured.

7. Proposals have been received from the Insurance Committee for the introduction of a Scheme of Term Annuities so as to afford opportunity for investment, through the Committee, of amount of matured policies wholly or partly, at the option of the insured or the beneficiaries. The subject is under the consideration of Government.

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Financial Department.